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SUBJECT: CDU POLITICANS VISIT TO PRC

1. THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT PRC VISIT OF WERNER MARX AND ALFRED DREGGER IS BASED ON DISCUSSION BETWEEN DREGGER AND THE CONSUL GENERAL IN FRANKFURT ON MAY 3, 1976.

2. THE PRINCIPAL PRC OFFICIALS SEEN BY MARX AND DREGGER WERE ACTING PRIME MINISTER HUA KOU-FENG, CHIEF OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CH'IAO KUAN-HUA (A FORMER TUEBINGEN UNIVERSITY STUDENT WHO SPEAKS GERMAN) AND CHANG CH'UN-CH'IAO, VICE PRIME MINISTER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SHANGHAI REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION TO VISITS TO
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PEKING, NANKING AND SHANGHAI MARX AND DREGGER

VISITED AGRICULTURAL COMMUNES AND ALSO INNER MONGOLIA. DREGGER WAS IMPRESSED BY THE FRANKNESS WITH WHICH HE FELT HIS CHINESE HOSTS WERE DISCUSSING THEIR INTERNAL SITUATION AS WELL AS THEIR FOREIGN POLICY CONCERNS. TOGETHER WITH A DINNER IN THEIR HONR THEY HAD SPENT ALMOST SIX HOURS WITH CH'IAO KUAN-HUA.

3. EFFECTS OF PRC INTERNAL SITUATION ON FOREIGN POLICY - DREGGER CAME AWAY CONVINCED THAT THE CURRENT INTERNAL DIFFERENCES IN THE PRCE WOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY CHANGES IN THE BASIC FOREIGN POLICY ORIENTATION OF THE PRC. HE CONSIDERS THESE DIFFERENCES TO BE ALMOST ENTIRELY INTERNAL WITH PRAGMATISTS, TECHNICIANS AND BUREAUCRATS ON ONE SIDE AND THEIR MORE IDEOLOGICALLY DISPOSED OPPONENTS ON THE OTHER. IF THE IDEOLOGUES ON THE LEFT SHOULD COME OUT ON TOP THE ANTI-SOVIET ORIENTATION OF THE PRC WOULD IF ANYTHING BECOME EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED HE BELIEVES. THE CHINESE TOOK PAINS TO IMPRESS ON THEIR CDU GUESTS THAT THEY CONSIDER A WAR IN EUROPE TO BE ALL BUT INEVITABLE.

4. TAIWAN - THE THEME THAT THE TAIWANESE ARE BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO WILL EVENTUALLY BE REUNITED WITH THE MAINLAND RECURRED IN SONGS AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES TO WHICH MARX AND DREGGER WERE TREATED ALMOST EVERY EVENING DURING THEIR STAY. HOWEVER, TAIWAN WAS NOT RAISED EITHER BY THE CHINESE NOR THE GERMANS IN ANY OF THE CONVERSATIONS THEY HAD WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS. DREGGER'S IMPRESSION IS THAT TAIWAN IS NOT A CURRENT ISSUE WITH THE U.S. WHICH THE PRC INTENDS TO PURSUE AT THIS TIME.

5. INDO-CHINA AND ANGOLA - THE CHINESE RESPONSE TO A QUESTION WHETHER THE PRC IS CONCERNED ABOUT A DOMINATING SOVIET POSITION IN VIETNAM WAS THAT THERE IS SUCH CONCERN BUT THAT THE CHINESE

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FELT THE VIETNAMESE HAD NOT RID THEMSELVES OF ONE FORM OF COLONIALISM ONLY TO SUBMIT TO ANOTHER. SIMILARLY, WITH RESPECT TO ANGOLA THE CHINESE ACKNOWLEDGED CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA BUT ALSO FELT THE AFRICANS WOULD NOT ACCEPT A NEW FORM OF COLONIALISM AND THAT SOVIET EFFORTS WOULD EVENTUALLY FLOUNDER. AS TO THEIR OWN CONDUCT WITH RESPECT TO SOVIET ROLE IN

AFRICA THE CHINESE TOLD THE GERMAN VISITORS THAT THEY WOULD TALK TO THE AFRICANS, EXPLAIN THE DANGERS OF SOVIET DOMINANCE TO THEM AND URGE THEM TO RESIST SUCH EFFORTS. THE CLEAR IMPLICATION ACCORDING TO DREGGER IS THAT THE PRC WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERVENE MORE ACTIVELY.

6. JAPAN - DREGGER SAID HE HAD ASKED HOW THE CHINESE FELT ABOUT JAPANESE REARMAMENT IN LIGHT OF THEIR EXPERIENCES BEFORE AND DURING WORLD WAR II. THE CHINESE RESPONSE WAS THAT MAO TSE-TUNG HAD SAID SOME TIME AGO THAT EVERY COUNTRY INCLUDING JAPAN HAD A PERFECT RIGHT TO PROVIDE FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE. DREGGER SAID JAPANESE REARMAMENT CERTAINLY DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE PRC OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE TALKED.

7. NIXON VISIT - THE CHINESE TOLD DREGGER THAT THEY CONSIDERED FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON TO BE A GREAT STATESMAN WHO HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE US-CHINESE RELATIONSHIP. SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD CARRIED OUT THAT POLICY BUT ITS ORIGINATOR HAD BEEN PRESIDENT NIXON. IT WAS DREGGER'S DISTINCT IMPRESSION BASED ON WHAT THE CHINESE TOLD HIM THAT THE PRIMARY MOTIVE IN THE PRC'S INVITATION TO THE FORMER PRESIDENT WAS TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONTINUITY OF CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY IN LIGHT OF THE UNEXPECTED EVENTS SURROUNDING THE SUCCESSION TO CHOU EN-LAI.

8. DEFENSE - THE TIME AVAILABLE DID NOT PERMIT A DETAILED DISCUSSION BUT DREGGER SAID HE AND MARX HAD VISITED A NUMBER OF UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS
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INCLUDING IN PEKING AND SHANGHAI. DREGGER WHO HIMSELF IS A WORLD WAR II GERMAN OFFICER SUMMARIZED HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE PRC'S MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT AS A) BEING DEFENSIVELY STRUCTURED WITH LITTLE IF ANY OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY AND B) BASED ON A STRATEGY WHICH IN THE EVENT OF A SOVIET MILITARY ATTACK WOULD DRAW THE ENEMY DEEP INTO THE COUNTRY WHERE HE WOULD BE CUT OFF FROM HIS LOGISTICS BASE BY VARIOUS MEANS INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEN DESTROYED IN A "PEOPLE'S WAR" IN WHICH THE USE OF ARMED PEASANT MILITIA AND A VAST NETWORK OF UNDERGROUND INSTALLATIONS IN THE URBAN AREAS WOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE.

9. WE ALSO HAVE FULL PAGE INTERVIEW BY DREGGER WITH

CORRESPONDENT OF THE FULDAER ZITUNG, HIS HOME TOWN
PAPER. WHILE CONTAINING NOTHING ADDITIONAL OF
SUBSTANCE IT MAY BE INTERESTING FOR ITS IMPRESSIONS.
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